

HLSC – Sailing Committee Meeting (Zoom)

Date: 12th March 2024

Present: Stuart Bates (SB), Richard Marsh (RM), Richard Whitehill (RW), Nigel Davey (NiD), Tom Daniel (TD),
Mike Smith (MS)

Apologies: Natasha Dourala (NaD), Nichola Thomason (NT), Rana Din (RD)

Item		Action
1	Matters arising from previous meeting 6.2.24: none	
2	<p>2024 Open Meetings & Special Club Events:</p> <p>Freezer Open – an excellent event thanks to Les Bithell & his team & Pat Brook for hot lunch, extra 6 entries on last year, 17 this year</p> <p>Sat 13th April – RS400 Open: RM has sorted Race & RIB team, there isn't a RS levy on entry fee (£20), MS offered to do Sailwave Results – will be up at club late morning. Poster has been circulated to RM's list of clubs & SB to upload to website. NOR & SI also done, prizes (1st place glasses, wine for 2nd & 3rd) are sorted & at club</p> <p>Sat 11th May – NW Junior Traveller: since the meeting RD has confirmed that he is on with sorting Race & RIB team. MS offered to do a poster. NOR/SI are produced by Traveller Organisers</p> <p>Sun 12th May – Laser Open: TD is working on Race & RIB team, MS offered to do Poster & NOR/SI, since the meeting MS has put up a poster at club</p> <p>Some discussion about Merlin Open food was led by TD, MS suggested that maybe using a local Pizza/Curry takeaway & that as half the entry for last 3 years were visitors whatever we do needs to be attractive to visitors. MROA needs to play its part in this by keeping "our weekend" free from any other Merlin events</p>	<p>MS</p> <p>MS</p>
3	<p>Duty Rota & Race Schedule:</p> <p>MS said that so far been a few swops, but that 2 members were unable to arrange a swop for 10th March (Mother's Day), but as racing was cancelled due to strong winds this thankfully wasn't a problem. A copy of Duty Rota is on noticeboard at side of bar door & will be replaced with updated copy every month or so.</p> <p>TD is down for OOD duty starting 3rd April, reminders please for Race/RIB teams. Apparently Ian Walker is keen to do Duties as he is very interested to see racing closeup – so might be a good person to contact regarding swops</p> <p>MS has already Emailed copy of Duty Rota plus info about what is involved with Duty Rota to Nathan Pendleton, Anna Barker, Ian Walker, Toni Jackson, Tom Price & Tom Woodthorpe. RW asked for copy of this info, as he is often asked about this by newish members</p> <p>MS has also Emailed copy of Duty Rota to Bill Lovick, John Ashworth & everyone on duty in March, a suggestion was made to MS to also Email everyone on duty in April</p>	<p>TD</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>MS</p> <p>MS</p> <p>MS</p>
4	<p>Mix'n'Match Racing:</p> <p>A combination of 5 Sundays & Wednesdays are in the Race schedule & will be limited to no more than 5 novices, due to availability of suitable boats. MS to liaise with RW & Martin Watts for likely candidates (min Level2 competent) – Carli/Dan, Liam, Tim Woodthorpe, Nathan Pendleton, Anna Barker, Ian Walker, Toni Jackson + others</p>	<p>MS</p>
5	<p>Open Meeting Points in 2024:</p> <p>MS has Emailed an updated version of last year's information sheet together with the revised rule to all boat owners – nobody has replied with any queries so far! Copy needs to be put up on noticeboard</p> <p>MS will need to update the Racing Guidelines on website in due course</p>	<p>MS</p> <p>MS</p>
6	<p>2024 PY Numbers:</p> <p>MS has updated the Sailwave Template files prior to start of season with the new 2024 National numbers, but left HLSC specific ones same as 2023 for now</p> <p>MS introduced the new HLSC numbers from the review document that was Emailed with meeting agenda : GP14 unchanged, Laser +1, Merlin +1, Topper -1, Solo unchanged</p>	

	<p>Much discussion took place mainly regarding the suggestion from AMcG that despite RYA system calculating HLSC Solo number at 1131, we should continue to use 1136 instead. MS said that for 2023 AMcG suggested 1136 as he felt we needed more data, but that for 2024 the same number (1131) has come out of the calculations, so shouldn't we now use 1131 for Solo's ?</p> <p>Several comments were made supporting 1136 for Solo's. MS said he just wanted everyone to have chance to comment, even suggesting that he would be happy to discuss abandoning the use of HLSC numbers & just use the National ones for all boats</p> <p>A vote was taken on using HLSC numbers (inc Solo @ 1136) for 2024, these were unanimously approved</p> <p>Since the meeting MS has updated Sailwave templates, recalculated results from 3rd March & put on noticeboard a list of 2024 PY Numbers</p>	
7	<p>Other Sailing Events:</p> <p>At Feb meeting NT raised on behalf of AMcG the following 3 events for possible HLSC team(s):</p> <p>8th June, Sunrise-Sunset Race at Leigh&Lowton – £150 entry fee</p> <p>29th June, Junior 12 hr Race at Southport – £110 entry fee</p> <p>21st/22nd Sept, 24 hr Race at West Lancs – £330 entry fee</p> <p>MS has put 3 posters on club noticeboard for members to register their interest in taking part & raised the 3 events at previous week's Management Meeting</p> <p>Management are ok for a club GP14 to be used at these events, Adam McGovern has the club GP14 suit of sails at his house</p> <p>Management will consider the club support for these events at their next meeting (Mon 29th April). This will be dependent on the members who have registered their interest on lists on noticeboard & in that each supported event has a dedicated manager on site at all times</p> <p>24 hr race serious or fun entry??....MS to speak to AMcG</p>	MS
8	<p>AOB:</p> <p>SB said that berth list on website is dated 2019, RW said he will update in due course</p> <p>A suggestion of crew's prizes for our race series to encourage more participation, also prizes for 2nd & 3rd places in our series? Spot prizes for our series qualifiers?</p> <p>Supper Series for Pat's Weds food nights ?</p>	RW/SB
9	<p>Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 9th April @7.30pm Zoom invitation reqd (Thurs 4th April)</p>	SB/MS